Summary

Applicants have taught and laid claim to a novel composition comprising a hydrozirconated matrix further which comprises at least one zirconium component and at least one a polymer having a plurality of olefin groups wherein the zirconium component is chemically bonded to the matrix through hydrocarbon groups derived from reacting at least one zirconium compound with covalently bound olefin groups of the polymer. The composition is a porous, particulate material and is used to prepare a catalytic composition by including at least one activator component. If the Examiner finds that there are some remaining issues to be resolved, Applicants would appreciate the Examiner to grant them a discussion or another interview pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.133, to clarify any issues and to place the Application in better condition for allowance. Please charge any fees, including extensions of time, associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1850. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues related to this application by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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